

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA FACULTY OF LAW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW 2021_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

COURSE CODE: PUL321

COURSE TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW I

CREDIT UNIT: 4

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instruction: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 QUESTIONS.

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (15 MARKS) EXCEPT

QUESTION 1 WHICH CARRIES 25 MARKS.

1. Chief Bassey the owner of PRIDE'S Company limited has right of occupancy to three plots of land and he got authority, to run a transport company on the premises. Their activity includes keeping a workshop and a fleet of various motor vehicles, light and heavy. His authority included keeping his vehicles within his premises including their noxious fumes and greases and oils which could pollute. In furtherance of the company's business obligations, they are to ensure they do not block the way by single or double parking as to obstruct the passage of other road users of the road. In violation of the company's obligation, there has been pollution from the company of the area with the presence of oils on the roads surrounding the company. Similarly, are effluents drained onto the road and drainages causing problems for other vehicle users and human movements. Chief Bassey attention has been drawn to this but he insists that with the authority the company has, it excludes him from liability. An action has been brought against the company for nuisance.

Advise him stating the basis of the law on nuisance and his liability.

- 2. Identify and discuss the legal problems of environmental litigation in Nigeria. Proffer solutions and support your answers with legal authorities.
- 3. Discuss the goals, objectives and penalties for infringement of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act.
- 4. Three members of Odofen Housing Estate in Ibadan brought an action as plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and other members of the Odofen Housing Estate Association against PELUMI TRANSPORT LIMITED, owners of ten plots of land in the housing estate. They are in the transport business and own several

long trailers. Their premise in the estate is used as their workshop and parking lot for the trailers. This has made the streets in the estates impassable and unsafe for children and adults. A lot of inconveniences is also suffered by the residents as a result of the noise from the moving trucks. Advise the three members as to the right cause of action and why

- 5. With the aid of decided case or hypothetical examples, examine any three environmental law principles.
- 6. Write short notes on two of the following;
- a. Noise Pollution:
- b. Waste Management:
- c. Public Health